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Dear Howard,

I've finished my analysis of Finck's New Orleans testimony. He is worse than I said. only a more careful reading than my first disclosing the truly Nazi-scientist type of mind he has - and approach to life and professional obligations. It is larded with perjury, some readily apparent, much not visible except to those with intimate knowledge of the fact. In all the testimony, I do not think there is anything quite as reprehensible.

My purpose in writing is to ask you to ask an additional question of the ballistics experts - really two questions.

The first is, can a full-jacketed military bullet hit bone and not fragment or be visibly damaged? If it is possible, if they know it can happen, that is one answer. If they no of no case, or if they know it rarely happens, that is another.

The second is can it disintegrate going through nothing but soft tissue? Can it without striking bone? Can it from striking cartilege? One example would be the conjectured career of 399, which is said to have gone between two strap muscles and thus been undamaged. What I am asking is could another bullet, not that one, have disintegrated from nothing but the passage through muscles.

I wanted to do the Finck analysis while the testimony was fresh in mind, but I've not read and corrected it. There may be more than typographic errors in it, so I am not prepared to circulate it at this time. I will not until after I've gone over it, and other work is of higher priority now.

Thanks if you can do these things.

Best regards,